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REPORT CLASS S E C R E T--WNINTEL--NOFORN--[redacted] (b)(3)
DIST : 11 JUNE 1983
COUNTRY: SYRIA/LEBANON
SUBJ: TERRORISM-1. COMMENTS ON THE BOMBING OF THE U.S. EMBASSY
IN BEIRUT
2. POSSIBILITY OF ATTACKS AGAINST U.S. PERSONNEL
IN LEBANON
DOI: [redacted]
SOURCE: [redacted] (b)(1)
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MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

TEXT: 1. IN EARLY JUNE 1983 A SYRIAN OFFICIAL COMMENTED THAT THE BOMBING OF THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN BEIRUT IN MAY WAS DESIGNED TO BE A CATALYST TO GET THE UNITED STATES MORE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN DISCUSSIONS ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND TO PUT ADDITIONAL PRESSURE ON THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL FOR A WITHDRAWAL FROM LEBANON. THE END RESULT, HOWEVER, WAS NOT WHAT THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT HAD EXPECTED. WHILE THE BOMBING DID PRECIPITATE AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE FROM THE UNITED STATES, THE SYRIANS WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE END RESULT THAT THEY NOW HAVE AN EVEN MORE SERIOUS CREDIBILITY PROBLEM AS FAR AS PARTICIPATING IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON LEBANON. THEREFORE, IN ORDER FOR THE UNITED STATES TO REALIZE THAT IT MUST DEAL WITH SYRIA IN THE FUTURE, ANOTHER CATALYST IS REQUIRED. THIS WILL COME IN THE FORM OF ATTACKS AGAINST UNITED STATES PERSONNEL, PROBABLY IN LEBANON AND PROBABLY AGAINST THE U.S. MARINES STATIONED THERE.

2. WITH REGARD TO THE ATTACK ON THE U.S. EMBASSY IN BEIRUT, PAGE 4 RUEAIIA 1895 S E C R E T NOFORN [redacted] WNINTEL (b)(3)
THE SYRIAN OFFICIAL SAID THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION WAS NOT RESPONSIBLE. IN RESPONSE TO A DIRECT QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THE IRANIANS WERE RESPONSIBLE, HE NOTED THAT THE IRANIANS COULD NOT HAVE CARRIED OUT SUCH AN OPERATION WITHOUT THE TACIT APPROVAL OF THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT. HE SAID INFORMATION OF THIS NATURE IS EXTREMELY TIGHTLY HELD WITHIN THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT AND THAT THERE IS LITTLE LIKLIHOOD ANYONE OUTSIDE OF A VERY SELECT FEW RANKING OFFICIALS WOULD BE AWARE IN ADVANCE OF SUCH AN ATTACK. THIS WOULD ALSO APPLY TO ANY ADVANCE WARNING OF AN ACTUAL MILITARY ATTACK ON ISRAEL.

ACQ: 9 JUNE 1983.

DISSEM: FIELD: SENT TO BEIRUT, DAMASCUS, JSOC.

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